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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIM

- 1. (Original) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising.
 - a) a cannula;
 - b) a protective element which can accommodate said cannula;
- c) an operating element, using which the cannula can be moved out of said protective element; and
 - d) a holder which is fixedly connected to the cannula.
- 2. The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said holder comprises a connecting element.
- (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a needle surrounded by the cannula.
- (Original) The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said needle can be inserted completely into the protective element.
- (Original) The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein a spring or operating element is
 provided which generates a force on the needle in an inserting direction into the protective
 element.
- (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the device is connected to a base body, wherein the connection is detachable.
- (Original) The device as set forth in claim 6, wherein said base body consists of a foundation body arranged on a plaster.

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8. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 7, wherein the device comprises at least one connecting element for connecting to said foundation body.

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(Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a solid.

non-ductile body.

10 (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a frame

which at least partially surrounds the cannula when it is retracted.

11. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a sheath

which completely surrounds the cannula when it is retracted.

12 (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said operating element is

connected to the protective element when retracted.

13. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the operating element is formed

such that it prevents the connection to the foundation body from being released before the

cannula is expelled.

14. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a sealing element is provided in the

holder.

Claims 15-24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising:

a) a cannula:

b) a cannula expelling device for moving said cannula; and

c) a restoring element which is coupled to the cannula expelling device, in order to retract

said cannula expelling device again once the cannula has been expelled.

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 (Original) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the cannula expelling device is a needle.

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27. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein said restoring element is a spring

element.

28. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 27, wherein a triggering element is provided

for the restoring element such that the restoring element can be automatically triggered, in

particular when the cannula inserting device is detached from a foundation body connected to it.

29. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the cannula expelling device

further comprises a spring.

30. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 29, wherein said cannula expelling device and

the restoring element are formed by a single element, in particular the spring.

31. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 25, further comprising a triggering element for

securing and triggering at least one of the cannula expelling device and the restoring element.

32. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 31, further comprising a securing element for

arresting said triggering element.

33. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the device is a disposable device or

a reusable device.

34. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a rotational connection for

connecting the cannula inserting device to a foundation body is provided.

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